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Galilee Junior Choir Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 21-3 P.M.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the anniversary program of the Galilee Church Junior Choir this Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. The Rev. Raymond Turner and his St. Mark Baptist Church of Amherst, Va., will be the special guest. A short literary program will be given by members of the Junior Choir. Mrs. Dorothy Stevens, director of the choir, is the sponsor of the program.

A very large crowd attended the Sunrise service at the Promise Land Baptist Church on Easter morning. The pastor conducted the devotionals and music was rendered by the mixed choir. The Rev. James Miller delivered the message. Rev. J. A. Carter of the Zion Baptist Church gave greetings. The service was enjoyed by all. The offering was very good.

A large crowd attended the regular morning services at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor delivered a challenging Easter message from the theme: "The Victorious Christ". Easter music was rendered by the senior choir. Several homecomers and friends attended the service.

The officers, members and friends of the Galilee Baptist Church have been invited to take part in the anniversary of the Rev. W. R. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Va., on the fourth Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The pastor will deliver the anniversary sermon and music will be furnished by the senior choir.

The Youth Club of the Zion Baptist Church rendered an Easter program Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Music was rendered by a newly organized choir. The pastor of the church delivered the message. The service was enjoyed by all who attended.

All churches in the county are asked to cooperate in the Cancer Drive. Church leaders have been asked to contact as many members of their church as possible and ask for a contribution. The final report will be made in May. Please help a worthy cause.

The Red Cross final report will be made in this column next week. It was impossible to make it this week because of the week end. Please send your report in at once.

The annual Ladies' Day will be observed at the Galilee Baptist Church on the first Sunday in May.

Plans are nearly completed for the Galilee Men's program on the third Sunday in May at 3 p.m.

A very large crowd attended the monthly meeting of the local chapter of NAACP Monday evening at 7:30 at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. James Miller conducted the devotins. President Al Johnson gave his report from the state meeting held in Richmond last March. The meeting was very informative. Rev. Lawing presented to the local chapter a certificate from the National office for its life membership. The certificate will be presented to every church in the county that has supported the workings of the local chapter. The next regular meeting will be held at the Mount Airy Baptist Church.

National Transportation Week

Governor Godwin has called Virginians' attention to National Transportation Week May 12-18, and has hailed the nation's transportation system as one which gives Americans "a degree of mobility and a flow of goods unmatched anywhere in the world."

His statement also called attention to a companion event, National Defense Transportation Day, to be observed May 17.

"Our is a nation in motion laced together by a system of highways, railroads, airways and waterways, giving our people a degree of mobility and a flow of goods unmatched anywhere in the world," he said.

"On this transportation system our way of life, our vitality as a nation, and our ability to defend ourselves against foreign attack all are ultimately dependent," the Governor said.

He said he was calling attention to the May observances "in recognition of these facts and as a tribute to the men and women who constitute our transportation work force . . ."

Wayne A. Whitham, secretary of transportation and public safety in Governor Godwin's Cabinet, is National Transportation Week state chairman for Virginia.

Whitham said the observances "represent an appropriate time for all Virginians to reflect on the importance of adequate transportation facilities in the Commonwealth, and on the increasingly balanced transportation course charted by the 1974 General Assembly."

He noted that the Legislature this year broadened the State Department of Highways into the Department of Highways and transportation, a change to become effective July 1; assigned to it the responsibility for coordinating development of a statewide transportation system; and appropriated a record $23.2 million in the department's 1974-76 budget for aid to urban mass transit.

National T r a n sportation Week is sponsored by the Traffic Clubs International organization, he noted.

The Pastor Speaks

WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

Paul moved freely back and forth between the idea of the church and the idea of the family. In his letter to the Colossians, for example, a discussion of relationships between Christians led him to make a statement about relationships in the family:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word of deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them". [*Col. 3:12-19*].

Here is a somewhat miscellaneous list of exhortations about Christian relationships. Certain qualities of character and ways of acting are recommended pertinent to family living.

First, the recommended qualities are expressions of concern for the other person rather than for the self. Compassion, kindness, patience, and forgiveness are directed outward. In a marriage relationship a couple is in trouble when each person seeks his own good. Conversely, they are united by the efforts of each on behalf of the other. Second, life together is life under God. Running through this paragraph is a sense of gratitude to God and dependence upon him. Success in the difficult problems of mutual adjustment in marriage comes not so much by trying to adjust as it does by common devotion to God and working together under his leadership. They achieve unity as together they seek a common goal - God's will.

Third, adjustment of people to each other does not in itself prevent all conflict. The recommendation that we be willing to forgive one another, for example, recognizes the possiblity that we may offend. Or consumed with his own problems, he may strike out against the one nearest and dearest to him. Some conflict is almost inevitable.

Finally, we need to help one another. A wife or husband might not take too well to being "taught" or "admonished" by his mate. Yet, unless we are perfect, we need this from someone. The best person to help us is the one who does so out of love. "I can't tell him about that," one person said about another's offensive habit: "he's too good a friend; I don't want to lose his friendship.' He's too good a friend," said another, "for me *not* to tell him." Love requires that we help each other rather than avoid issues.

Deryl B. Holliday, Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church
Vera, Va.

PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., April 22 - Ham biscuits, green peas, whipped potatoes, peaches, milk.

Tues., April 23 - Chuck wagon patti, blackeye peas, buttered rice, fruit cocktail, rolls, butter, milk.

Wed., April 24 - Pizza, slaw, potato chips, apple crisp, milk

Thurs., April 25 - Chilli con carne, corn on cob, cornbread, orange juice, milk.

Friday, April 26 - Fish squares w/tartar sauce, whipped potatoes, green peas, cornmeal rolls, milk.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, April 21, 1974.

Topic: The Spirit Transcends Institutions.

Scripture: Acts 11: 1-18; 15: 1-35.

He is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility. Ephesians 2:14.

Because the early Christians enjoyed the comfort of the familiar, it required persecution to get them out of Jerusalem into Samaria and more distant points to carry out the commandment of Jesus, that they preach the gospel to all the world. Once out of the beloved city, they proclaimed the Word faithfully, fearlessly, and indiscriminately to all who would hear. And they received into the fellowship all who accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord.

In doing this, the scattered disciples came into conflict with the institution of Judaism within the Christian Church. Many of the early Jewish Christian adhered loyally to the traditions and practices of the Jewish faith, even as the recognized Jesus as the Messiah. They appeared to have had no objections to receiving Gentiles into the Church, but they insisted that these Gentiles also become Jewish proselytes and be circumcised first.

It was obviously the divine intent that Christianity be independent of Judaism for the Holy Spirit provided the inspiration and guidance for those Christians, including such Jewish Christians as Peter and Barnabas and Paul, to take the position that it was not necessary for Gentiles to become Jews before becoming Christians. In the debate over this issue, the Scriptural account of which provides the background for this week's International Sunday School lesson the Spirit's leadership was the vital force in influencing the Church to give faith in Jesus Christ the priority over the traditional institution.

Despite people's tendency to complacency in the accustomed, change does prevail and is often brought about be seemingly irresistible forces. Change is necessary for progress, though not all change is necessarily progressive or for the better. Tennyson gave insight into the necessity for change in King Arthur' farewell to Sir Bedivere,

"The old order changeth,
yielding place to new,
And God fulfills Himself in
many ways,
Lest one good custom should
corrupt the world."

Even the best of institutions grow complacent, concerned for their own preservation, and sometimes corrupt. As centuries passed, the Christian Church itself did this and lost the vitality of its apostolic age. Radical change, in the Protestant Reformation and the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation, was required to revitalize the Church. The Church again grew complacent and in places corrupt, and again there came change, in the Whitefield and Wesley revival, known in this country as the Great Awakening, which gave a character to the United States which long prevailed and is still felt, though the need for another revitalization is evident. There are heartening signs that it may be imminent.

This impending revival will mean change, possibly great change. Some of the most vital Christian work and witnessing is taking place outside institution of the Church, though some churches, alert to the need of reformat... revival, are moving ... step with the new ... Again, as in the early ... the emphasis is ... individual, and person... son contact featu... nascent re-awakening ... of race and class ... ignored, particularly by ... Christians as they ... contemporaries of ... Christian witness ... having impact on col... university campuses ... dents individually and ... organizations as Camp... sade for Christ and In... sity Fellowship show... faith and lead oth... discipleship.

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Kills Rare Turkey

Jessie H. Johnson, Jr. of Appomattox, is shown above with a rare "red-phase" turkey he killed near Red House on Monday morning. The Spring turkey season opened on Saturday but Johnson is the only one we have heard of who got such a rare bird.

The twenty-one and one-half pound red-phase turkey he killed is close to being an albino and is very rare. The red and white of the bird is possibly caused by a chemical change in the color pigments that could be brought on by some type of deficiency. It was mostly red with white breast feathers, white tail bottoms and some white scattered through the other feathers. Usually wild turkeys are of a bronze and black color. It was a beautiful bird.

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Modernistic Club News

A large number of members and friends attended the Sunrise Easter Worship at Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday, April 14th. at 6:30. The worship hour was very impressive. Guest speaker for the service was the Rev. James Miller, the honored pastor of Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Miller used for a theme - "The Risen Savior." Those in attendance gained helpful information from the message. Music was furnished by the church choir, assisted by visiting choirs, under the direction of Mr. Tim Lawing. The offering was very liberal. The members and friends returned home after the service, feeling that the worship service was very successful.

Rev. Lawing church pastor extended thanks to the visiting minister for rendering such a beautiful Easter message. The church pastor thanked members and friends also for turning out in such round numbers.

A Sunrise service was held at Mount Zion Church, Stonewall, under the direction of Rev. ...ott. We understand that the service was a success.

Regular Easter service was held at First Baptist church Sunday, with the pastor the Rev. Davis in charge. An appreciative audience turned out for service. Those who attended the service, enjoyed the morning worship, very much.

The Modernistic Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ellie Williams on Friday, April 19th, at 6:00 p.m.

The sick in the community are improving in health at this time.

News has just come to us that Mr. Edward Tibbs of Philadelphia, Pa. is quite ill in the hospital at this writing. We pray that Mr. Tibbs and all the sick and shut-ins may soon recover.

In and out of town: Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hamlet were called to Md. due to illness of Mrs. Hamlet's sister.

Messres Peter Flood and Leroy Winkler of Md. were recent visitors in Appomattox, Va. They visited the Stevens, other friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Bessie Robinson accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Patrick, and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Robinson, have returned home after spending the winter in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Gracie Branch and Mrs. Ada Nowlin have returned home for the summer after spending the winter away visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bertha Pankey was very glad to have all of her daughters to spend the Easter vacation with her: Mesdames Margaret Christian, and daughter of Md. Ellen and sons of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Misses Cora Pankey of Md. and Rachel and Odessa of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen had as their Easter dinner guest, Mr. Allens' sister, Mrs. Ruth Watkins and 2 daughters of Farmville, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen and two sons of Dover, Del. The Allens had a very lovely Easter vacation, visiting relatives and friends here and in Farmville.

Mr. Lindsay Fleshman of Union University is spending the Easter vacation with his mother, Mrs. Clara McFay.

The Pankeys had a very enjoyable Easter with their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Statham of Md. with their son and the Statham singers, were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stevens over the week end.

Messres Howard and George Stevens are spending some time in Baltimore, Md. visiting their many friends.

The Martins have returned to Bronx, N.Y. after spending the Easter vacation in Appomattox and Lynchburg visiting relatives and friends. The Martins attended Easter service at Diamond Hill Baptist Church with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson.

Mesdames Lucy Tibbs, modessa Jordan, and nephew spent the Easter period visiting their sick son and brother Mr. Edward Tibbs who lives in Philadelphia, Pa. The Tibbs and Jordans visited relatives in Md. also.

See you next week!!!

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The Amen . . . Rev. 3:14

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Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
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